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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiaki OKUNO

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For: DISPERSION-COMPENSATING MODULE, LINE SWITCHING APPARATUS AND

OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows: